tonne of Di Ammonium phosphate on the 12th February, 1990, and the last date for receipt of tenders was 20th February, 1990 and for import by 15th April 1990;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what are the reasons for immediate import of fertilizer?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI DEVI LAL (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The questions do not arise.

Representations for safe running of goods trains

2236. DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some of the goods trains are run without brake vans, guards or with unqualified staff;

(b) whether All India Guards Council have submitted some representations for the safe running of trains; and

(c) if so, what action Government propose to take on the suggestions made thereon?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Full goods trains are run with brake vans and guards only. In some cases when goods trains are permitted to run without guard/brake vans. In such situations special precautions are taken as per rules to ensure safety.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Existing instructions, to ensure safety are adequate to cover the operational exigencies. Brake vans are regularly being manufactured to ensure that adequate numbers become available in due course.

Reinstatement of Loco staff of railways in the strike of 1981

2237. DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the victimised and dismissed staff of 1981 Loco strike have not been taken back into service;

(b) the number of such employees (Drivers, Firemen etc.) have been taken back and how many remain to be taken back; and

(c) by when all of these employees are likely to be taken back into service?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b) About 611 loco staff were dismissed/removed from service in connection with the agitation of the Loco Running staff in 1981 under Rule 14(i) of the Railway Servants (Discipline and Appeal) Rules, 1968 which corresponds to clause (b) of the second proviso to Article 311(2) of the Constitution.

Out of the 611 staff dismissed/removed, 225 [illegible] of departmental appeals/revision petitions or as a result of court orders.

[illegible] reinstated [illegible] on their [illegible] would [illegible] the finalisation of these cases.

Export of edible oil

[illegible] will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to export edible oil in the near future and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(b) the quantity of export and the countries to which it is likely to be exported?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI NATHU RAM MIRDHA): (a) and (b). The export of edible oil is not permitted under the existing import-export policy of the Gov-